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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/667,456	Applicant(s) TOISHI ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 12 and 14-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of group (i), formula (2), in the reply filed on 11/07/2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that "the structural units of formula (8) and formula (9) both fall within the generic scope of the structural units of formula (2)." This is not found persuasive because neither of formulas (8) or (9) fall within the generic scope of the structural units of formula (2). The alkoxy-substituted carbon forming the alicyclic ring in formula (2) has **no** other substitution other than the alkoxy group [wherein R₁ in formula (1) of claim 6 is a hydrogen]. The alkoxy substituted carbon forming the alicyclic rings in each of formulas (8) and (9) are additionally substituted with a perfluoro methyl group.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 12 and 14-19 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. None of these claims read on formula (2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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4. Claims 1-11, 13 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

5. In lines 18 and 19 of claim 1, from which the balance of the claims depend, the claim recites "**at least one** $-CH_2-$ in the divalent acyclic hydrocarbon **may be** substituted by $-CO-$, $-O-$ or $-S-$ ". However, it is unclear if the $-CH_2-$ groups must be substituted with a $-CO-$, $-O-$ or $-S-$, as suggested by the term "at least one" or whether said substitution is optional, as suggested by "may be". The requirements for applicant's formula I is indefinite. This same indefinite language is also repeated in claim 2.

6. Claims 8-11 are further indefinite as the structures of formulas 3 and 4, requiring R_7 to represent alkyl groups, have no antecedent bases in claims 7, from which they depend, whose formula (2) required R_7 to be hydrogen.

7. Given the indefinite claim language, no prior art is indicated.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Kelechi C. Egwim whose telephone number is (571) 272-1099. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T (7:30-6:00).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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